

BASEBALL AXE CUTS OFF BILL DAHLEN

Deposed as Manager of the Brooklyn Team After Four Years.

JAKE DAUBERT MAY TAKE OVER REINS

No Successor Named, but Clever First Baseman Would Get Approval of Fans.

The axe has fallen on Bill Dahlen, manager of the Brooklyn Superbas. Rumors of his passing, which have been in circulation for a year or more, were substantiated yesterday, when Charles H. Ebbets, president of the club, announced the unconditional release of the man who had led the team for four seasons. Nothing was said about a successor, but the new pilot probably will be named before the end of the week.

Jake Daubert, the great first baseman and leader of the National League hitters last season, is the strongest candidate for the place. It is regarded as significant at this time that the trip of the Superbas to Cuba has been curtailed, so that Jake will arrive home within a few days.

By appointing him Mr. Ebbets would strike a popular chord, as he is almost the unanimous selection of the fans. Others mentioned for the berth are Roger Bresnahan, now with the Chicago Cubs; Jake Stahl, former manager of the Red Sox when they won the world's championship, in 1912; Harry Smith, who won a pennant for Newark last season, and Fielder Jones, formerly with the White Sox, whose name always comes up when there is a managerial vacancy in the big leagues, but who has said that he has given up the game for good and all.

Although Dahlen was never particularly popular in Brooklyn and was subjected to much criticism during the last two years of his reign, Mr. Ebbets clung to him steadfastly and insisted that Bill was not responsible for the poor showing of a team which many considered strong enough to be up fighting for the pennant. In releasing him the owner of the club gave out the following statement:

"Mr. Dahlen has been with the Brooklyn club as manager for four years. During that time he has discharged his duties honestly, impartially and without fear or favor, using at all times his judgment. To be sure, he made mistakes on the ball field.

"There are errors a-plenty in baseball. If there were not the game would not be the attraction it is. But Mr. Dahlen has not, in my opinion, made as many mistakes as his critics believe. His judgment in handling the players under contract of the Brooklyn club has been wonderful. During his first three years as manager he dispensed with the services of many players who were either incompetent, misbehaving or troublesome, rarely misjudging a player, as is evidenced by the fact that all the men he passed up only one was of major league caliber.

"By reason of his keen judgment, he leaves behind a body of men who, as players and gentlemen, on and off the field, are a credit and honor to the Borough of Brooklyn—a team which, with the addition of two or three first class men, will be a championship contender in 1914.

"In building up the team Mr. Dahlen has been unfortunate in finishing in a low position each year in the championship race, but I will say without fear of contradiction that he has been a good manager."

The Brooklyn fans began yelling for Dahlen's scalp some months ago, and few of them are willing to go as far as Ebbets with words of appreciation. While it is admitted that he accomplished a lot in building up a high class team in Brooklyn, he failed to land in the first division with a club which had marked ability. To be sure, he was handicapped by the loss of "Nap" Rucker during much of the campaign, but the fans wanted a winner.

It is perhaps unfortunate that Dahlen must go at this time, just as he is ready to reap the fruits of his work at building a pennant winner. Aitchison, from Newark; Elmer Brown, Ragon and Rucker will give the Superbas a first class pitching staff, without the addition of several promising youngsters. The team led the league in hitting last season, and the combination of batting and twirling is one that should make Brooklyn heard from next year.

Dahlen must receive much credit for what he has done. Only Wheat, Rucker and Daubert remain of the team he took hold of four years ago. At the same time few believe that he is resourceful enough to lead a pennant winner. His conservatism and refusal to take chances with young players such as Linn, championships contributed not a little toward keeping Brooklyn in the second division last season.

If Mr. Ebbets could have had his way he probably would have stuck to Dahlen. But popular opinion, backed up by the McKeever interests in the club, proved too strong and he was compelled to yield. The team as it stands to-day forms one of the most attractive propositions that a manager would care to take up.

Dahlen was a player on the Superbas many years ago, being with the team when it won the pennant in 1906. Three years later he was traded to the Giants. Filling the berth at shortstop for McGraw, Bill helped New York win two pennants and the world's championship in 1905.

Deposed Manager of the Brooklyn Baseball Team and Man Who May Succeed Him Next Year.



WILLIAM C. DAHLEN.

Yale and Harvard Teams as Seen by Brown Eyes

Ed. Robinson Says Blue Eleven Is Stronger in Line, but Crimson Excels in Backs.

SCORES NOT A GOOD LINE

Tells Why His Team Suffered a More Crushing Defeat by One than the Other.

Edward N. Robinson, head coach of the Brown University eleven, says that in his opinion the Yale line is stronger than Harvard's from tackle to tackle, but that the Crimson excels on the ends and in the backfield.

The Brown team was a sort of trial horse for the big game at Cambridge next Saturday. Yale defeated the men from Providence on November 8 by a score of 17 to 0, while Harvard rolled up 37 to 0 one week later. In this connection Robinson says in "The Boston Globe":

"The scores of Brown and Yale against Brown are of little value in determining the strength of the two teams. Against Yale Brown was able to play out the game with her full strength, while against Harvard the early injury to the fullback, the heaviest and strongest man on the team both in offense and defense, had much to do with Brown's poor showing, especially on the offense."

"The line was stronger against Harvard, but the backfield was so demoralized by injuries and the lack of competent substitutes as to greatly weaken and disorganize the team. This showed especially in the second half, when the Harvard team, composed of substitutes, looked better than the regulars in the first two quarters. Considering the teams individually, Yale has an advantage in weight, which might come in handy if the game is played on a wet field.

"At ends Yale seems to be outclassed, but Talbot and Warren at tackle will give Storor and Gilman all they can handle. While in the center and guard positions I expect the Harvard trio will be outplayed as a whole; but under the present day game the advantage at ends will more than counterbalance any advantage Yale may have in other parts of the line."

"At quarter against Brown Wilson was a team in himself, and his all-around playing ought to give him the preference over Storor and Gilman. Coming to the backfield, there seems to be nothing to it but Harvard, judging from the past performances of the Harvard men; but the coaches at New Haven have considered the backfield as the strongest part of the Yale team, and more advanced than the line, so that Harvard's superiority will not be very noticeable. In fact, Brown found it easier to stop Harvard's end runs than Yale's. Even the work of Mahan was not noticeable, and his runs were generally stopped with little gain."

Lothrop Withington, one of the Harvard coaches, says the Crimson eleven will need every ounce of power to beat Yale and must acquire more aggressiveness. He adds:

"To summarize: Yale has the best line in years, is well supplied with kickers, possesses a quarterback who has all of the earmarks of a star, and an average backfield. Almsworth standing out most prominently."

"Harvard has a good line, although yet to show its full strength, both offensively and defensively; a wonderful backfield, yet one which is powerless without support from the line, for there is neither a Wendell nor a Stork in the trio to gain a couple of yards with the two opposing lines are in a deadlock; a fair quarterback and full kickers, and, lastly, a drop-kicker who full well realizes the responsibility of his work in the present style of game."

James W. Raynsford, of Detroit, has been elected captain of the University of Michigan football eleven for 1914. Raynsford played left end this fall, and is considered one of the leading candidates for the all-Western eleven. Aside from his ability as an end Raynsford has an inspiring personality.

The following extract from a letter received last week was written by a capable judge who saw Michigan defeat Cornell by a score of 17 to 0:

"The Michigan players were a husky bunch, making clean tackles, fumbling on

HAL PUMPELLY MAY BE YALE FULLBACK

Shows Old Driving Power in Hitting the Line in Fast Scrimmage.

"RED" BRANN LIKELY TO START ON THE END

Substitutes Work Hard for the Harvard Game as Regulars Take Things Easily.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] New Haven, Nov. 17.—Hal Pumpelly may be the choice of the Yale coaches to start the Harvard game at fullback. He played for an hour and a half this afternoon at fullback for the second team. With Nate Wheeler driving the team at top speed "Pump" shot through center time and again for five and ten yard gains displaying the power that the Blue attack has lacked all season. His punting also was good, but none of his attempts at drop kicks succeeded, the opposing line breaking through and blocking each try.

"Red" Wiser, who got his "Y" on Saturday, played a wonderful game at left half. He cut in sharply to find openings in the line, and was a sure ground gainer. Carl Beckert also ploughed through the line for solid gains, and seemed the hardest man in the backfield to stop.

All the men who played against Princeton on Saturday, except Wheeler and Wiser, had a rest to-day. Most of them were in Fairfield over Sunday, and did not come back until to-night. Marting and Dunn are at the infirmary, nursing bruises.

Russell Cooney went through the entire scrimmage at center to-day, and "Dutch" Arnold, a regular guard last year, played right guard. Brann also was in good enough condition to last through the entire drill, so that the team will be better off for substitutes against Harvard than against Princeton, and as a result of the return of Pumpelly, Brann, Arnold, Cooney and Wiser there may be shifts in the "varsity" line-up that will start the game.

The aim this week will be to develop an attack that will carry the ball a few yards when that much distance means a touchdown. Wheeler, Wiser, MacFelsch and Pumpelly showed tremendous power to-day, although the defense resisted stubbornly. With Cooney and Arnold back in the line there may be another attempt to use Ketcham at end. The chief danger from Harvard is the speed of Brickley and Mahan, and the coaches would like ends of the type of Brann and Ketcham to choke off end runs.

Brann is a strong contender for one end because of his sure handling of forward passes. There was a large crowd of undergraduates at the field to-day, and the practice showed unusual dash and enthusiasm.

ARMY POLISHES UP PLAYS FOR NAVY

Aggressiveness Pleasing, but the Coaches Haul Team Over Coals for Penalties.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] West Point, N. Y., Nov. 17.—Flushed with confidence born of its two big victories of the last fortnight, the Army football squad will continue to put the polish on its plays for the Navy game in the practice planned for this week.

The coaches delivered the usual Monday lecture to-day in the "gym" and afterward drove the squad through a stiff signal drill. The coaches took the men to task for the recently developed tendency to make themselves liable to penalties for offside play and holding in the line.

The team's aggressiveness is pleasing its followers, and with the return to the squad of Huston and Benedict this week, neither of whom has been in a game since the one with Tufts over three weeks ago, the offensive strength is increased greatly. The practice from now until the Navy game will be secret.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Annapolis, Nov. 17.—The Naval Academy football team put lots of vim into its work this afternoon. Most of the short practice period was devoted to signal drill, some of the plays used being those which will be sprung for the first time on the Army team.

The coaches drove the team at a faster clip than has been previously used in match or practice this season. Nichols was at quarterback most of the time, indicating that on account of his running he has been chosen over Mitchell to begin the Army game.

Nichols, who did not report until mid-season, will have every opportunity of working with the team, although there is much satisfaction over the fact that he has so capable an understudy as Mitchell.

New York Athletic Club May Reduce Initiation Fee

Hope by This Plan to Increase Membership and Establish a Waiting List.

With the object of meeting the high cost of living in the proper spirit the New York Athletic Club proposes to reduce the initiation fee of resident members to \$100.

This decision was reached at a meeting of the board of governors at the club-house last week, and it is advocated by William H. Page, the president; Dr. James N. West, the vice-president; Fred R. Fortmyer, secretary; Martin S. Paine, treasurer, and others of the present administration of the club.

A meeting of the members of the club has been called for Tuesday, December 2, at which time the resolution of the board of governors will be debated and put to a vote.

According to the resolution that will be offered for consideration, it is proposed to place the admission fee at \$100 until the limit of 2,500 resident members and a waiting list of one hundred is established. The present initiation fee for resident membership is \$250.

The fact that the membership list was not up to the full roster came as a surprise yesterday to some of the old members of the club. They found, upon inquiry, that there had been a considerable falling off during the last year. Several

Wilson May Be Yale Captain

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] New Haven, Nov. 17.—Alec Wilson's great showing at quarterback against Princeton makes him a strong candidate for the Yale football captaincy next year. He is a sophomore, but there are only a few juniors available to make it possible to follow the tradition of having a senior lead the eleven in 1914.

Carter, Cornell and Pumpelly are the 1914 men. Of these Carter is the only one who has played at all regularly, and his work hasn't been conspicuous, while Wilson's great playing, according to no less an authority than "Hobey" Baker, makes him a probable All-America choice.

Wilson is the idol of the undergraduates, and has the qualities of dependability and brilliance that go to make a great captain. "Bud" Talbot, who is a Sheffield, has played only two years and may return next fall for a postgraduate course. If he does he will be a candidate on account of his great line play and the wish not to burden Wilson with the captaincy in addition to his playing quarter.

HARVARD IN GOOD TRIM TO FACE YALE

Odds Fall, However, with Even Money Now Asked by Crimson Men.

[By Telegraph to The Tribune.] Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 17.—With all its "varsity" players in good trim, Harvard began to-day its last week in preparation for Saturday's game against Yale, which nearly forty thousand persons will watch from the stone seats of the stadium.

In the Brown game Hitchcock, the tackle, wrenched his ankle, but the injury proved of little consequence, so that Harvard has come down to its final game in fine physical condition.

There will be little hard work, however, and probably no scrimmage, although there still is much to do toward bolstering up the Crimson's defense to meet Yale's plays.

The Brown game did not provide the work for the "varsity" men the coaches would have liked, so that the season is left with only the Princeton game as a Crimson test, and this was not altogether satisfactory.

Brickley and Mahan will be busy all week getting off drop kicks, while Hardwick, who possibly will help Mahan with the punting, will have considerable work in the backfield.

The presence of Trumbull at center will serve to get Harvard going faster, for he inspires the entire eleven with his spirit. He is all right, but is one of those tender men, who, once hurt, recuperate slowly. Harvard has small hopes that he will be able to last the entire game against Yale's relentless style of play.

The betting on Harvard for the big game has dropped from the former 19 to 6 odds, and there is now a demand for even money, which, however, is not forthcoming, at least from New Haven.

Several of the Harvard men are down a little flu, and for this reason there will be no rough football this week. Still, the team needs a little hard work. If it can be arranged, the eleven will end its practice on Thursday and go to the Vesper Country Club, at Lowell, Mass., but the faculty seems inclined not to allow the men to leave Cambridge until Friday.

All hands were out to-day for signal drill, as the regulars were in the Brown game for only two periods.

HARVARD DRAWS FINE LINE

Football Tickets Stamped with Name of Applicant.

Cambridge, Mass., Nov. 17.—By a change in the manner of marking the tickets for this year's Harvard-Yale football game the Harvard athletic authorities hope to be able to prevent ticket speculation.

On each ticket is stamped the name of the individual applicant, and he alone will be allowed to use it. If a ticket is presented at the Stadium by a person other than the one whose name appears on the card it will be confiscated, and the one to whom it was issued will be deprived of the right to apply for tickets to future games.

Frederick W. Moore, graduate treasurer of the Harvard Athletic Association, began the distribution to-day of about 27,000 tickets to Harvard graduates and undergraduates.

QUAKERS REST ALL DAY

Minds May Be Out of Cornell Game with Bad Shoulder.

Philadelphia, Nov. 17.—With nearly two weeks ahead in which to prepare for the final game of the season, with Cornell on Thanksgiving Day, the coaches decided to give the University of Pennsylvania football eleven a rest to-day, and the entire "varsity" squad spent the afternoon in lounging about the training house.

All of the men, with the exception of Chester Minds, the fullback, came out of the Michigan game in the best of shape. Minds is still carrying his arm in a sling as a result of the injury to his shoulder sustained in the Dartmouth game, and grave fears are being held out that he will be lost to the team for the contest with Cornell.

The coaches plan to work the team at an easy pace for the next few days, and it will likely be Thursday before another scrimmaging is given the regulars.

LULL IN WORK FOR SCHOOLBOY ELEVEN

By Midweek Coaches Will Be Driving Teams in Final Practice.

THANKSGIVING DAY GAMES THE GOAL

Adelphi and Erasmus and Morris and Stuyvesant to Clash on Gridiron Saturday.

Easy times are in store for the scholastic football players during the next few days. The lull, however, is only that which precedes the storm, for by Thursday at the latest the squads will be out driving their hardest to grind off the rough edges prior to the important games on Thanksgiving Day. The warriors rested all day yesterday after the hard games on Saturday.

Adelphi Academy and Erasmus Hall will fight their annual duel on the chalk lined field, Hawthorne Field, in Brooklyn, next Saturday, and a merry battle is sure to be waged. Erasmus has been defeated twice this season, once by New York Military Academy and once by Manual Training. Adelphi bowed the knee to Princeton Prep only and is a favorite in the coming battle. In this season of surprises, however, nothing is certain. One thing is assured: Erasmus Hall will fight while a man is left standing.

The only game in Manhattan on Saturday will be between Stuyvesant and Morris, at Manhattan Field. Although both have been eliminated from the ranks of championship contenders, the teams are about evenly matched and are playing their best football at the present time. Morris sprang into prominence by its unexpected victory over De Witt Clinton, which apparently was looking along a clear path to the championship of greater New York.

The coaches of all teams are pointing their charges toward the struggle on Thanksgiving Day. On that day the High School of Commerce will play De Witt Clinton at the Polo Grounds, Manual Training High School will meet Boys' High School and Erasmus Hall will meet Poly Prep at Ebbets Field, bringing the scholastic football season to a close in a blaze of glory.

Already the keenest interest is being shown, and applications for tickets are being received. It is expected that, with clear weather aiding, 25,000 spectators will witness the game between Clinton and Commerce at Brush Stadium.

The defeat of the High School of Commerce team in the game with Manual Training on Saturday afternoon was not without its bright side. The team as a whole showed a lot more drive to its work than was expected. Captain Hagmeyer was a power in the line and stopped many a play before it had time to get well under way, and De Beer demonstrated once more that he is without equal as a scholastic center.

The task which confronts the Commerce coaches is to drill a little more judgment into the quarterbacks. Neither Gunther nor Witter showed good advantage in the tight places. Russell Clapp is the only high grade backfield man Commerce has. He is absolutely without fear, and when carrying the ball never stops until buried under three or four tacklers.

McGarry, the Manual tackle, is doing his fair share of work in every game and is generally on hand to help any other member who is having his troubles. He was a barrier in the contest with Commerce.

Fitt, the Clinton line man, who is playing guard while Fred Moore is filling Clinton's position, shows high promise. He is aggressive and a savage tackler.

Not a little interest centres about the game between the De Witt Clinton second team and the High School of Commerce cubs, which will be played on Saturday morning at Manhattan Field. There is as much rivalry between these husky junior elevens as the first teams. The cubs have lost two games this season, but are more than confident of their ability to defeat the Clinton youngsters.

There will be a rare battle for individual supremacy when "Red" Hogan, the Stuyvesant halfback, and Erwig, the backfield star of Morris, oppose each other on Saturday.

PLAY LIVELY WATER POLO

Columbia Sophomores Easily Defeat the Juniors.

The Columbia sophomores outplayed the juniors in a rough and exciting water polo game in the pool in the Columbia gymnasium yesterday afternoon by a score of 19 to 5.

Most of the individual work was done by the sophomores and the juniors only once had a chance to get near the sophomore goal, and they made the most of it. Wensley was the star of the sophomore team and scored both of its goals. Cleveland and Canavan assisted him well and put up a strong defensive game in the bargain.

Louis Moquin, member of the Columbia intercollegiate fencing championship trio, was the only member of the junior six who showed up in comparison with the second year players and scored the only goal for his side.

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